



Your USask Legacy: A future full of possibility

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Why make a legacy gift?

Your legacy gift can shape the future of USask by helping a student become the first in their family to attend university, supporting groundbreaking research that changes lives, or strengthening programs that prepare tomorrow's leaders.

Celebrate what matters most to you

Honour your personal story, your family, or lifelong passions by giving back in a meaningful way. This is a deeply personal way to share your values and express what matters most to you.

Make a bigger impact than you imagined

Legacy giving is for everyone. You can leave a contribution through a gift in your will or by naming USask as a beneficiary of an asset, amplifying your impact without affecting your current financial security. A future gift, no matter the size, has a profound and lasting effect.

Support your loved ones and your community

Many donors value the ability to care for their family and contribute to a cause that reflects their deepest values. Legacy giving allows you to honour both your loved ones and the impact you want to make.

A flexible way to give

A legacy gift can be as simple as adding a clause to your will or naming a charity as a beneficiary of an asset. Whether you're just starting to think about your legacy or revisiting your existing arrangements, your gift can be tailored to reflect your vision, with the freedom to update your plans at any time.

Maximize tax benefits

Legacy gifts can reduce the tax on your estate while maximizing the impact of your giving, allowing you to do more for the people and causes you care about.



The University of Saskatchewan advises donors to discuss their charitable giving plans with their professional advisors and family. Your legal or professional advisor can provide you with legal, estate, or tax planning advice for your personal situation. This guide is intended to help you think about how a legacy gift to USask can reflect what matters most to you.



Shining a light on the legacy of Leon Katz

Jennifer Osachoff and Sylvan Katz's legacy gift will support scholarships and a visiting scholar.

All legacy gifts leave a lasting impact, but each one is unique in the life, values or hope it represents.

For **Dr. Sylvan Katz (BSc'69, MSc'71, DPhil)** and **Jennifer Osachoff**, their recent decision to make a planned gift to the University of Saskatchewan (USask) is rooted in a strong belief in science and the desire to pay tribute to a remarkable man, Sylvan's late father, Dr. Leon Katz – a pioneer in nuclear physics whose visionary work put Saskatoon and USask at the forefront of research in that area.

Sylvan and Jennifer's gift will establish the Dr. Leon Katz Distinguished PhD Scholar Award as well as a visiting scholar program named the Dr. Leon Katz Visiting Scholar in Nuclear and Accelerator Physics at USask's College of Arts and Science.

"One of the highlights of my life was doing research with my

father. We published five research papers together. He was a pivotal factor throughout my entire life." Sylvan and Jennifer considered other meaningful places to leave their money, but about a year and a half ago, began thinking about how a gift to USask could align well with their own beliefs and interests, while at the same time, honouring their history.

"We don't have any kids, and so we wanted to do something for the world, the community—something to make an impact," said Jennifer. "We're both very keen on sciences and the future is always science. It's changing all the time. And if the world is going to survive, it's going to be the scientists who figure out how to do it."

"And what better way to support science than do so in a way that honours my father—someone who played such a key role in USask's physics department," said Sylvan.

It was also important to Sylvan

that instead of putting the decision of how their wealth is distributed in the hands of others, they could ensure their gift went to something they both value—science and future research.

When asked what they hope their gift will accomplish, the couple was clear on the intent.

"I hope that this gift brings both top-notch PhD students and world-class scientists to our campus to deliver lectures and help people understand what the leading ideas in physics are and where the science is headed," said Sylvan.

Jennifer added, "We're hoping that the scholarships that come from our gift will enable people who might not otherwise have those opportunities to be able to learn and contribute in their own way, in their own right."

"And hopefully, our gift will keep Leon Katz, Saskatchewan and USask on the world map or 'in the light' so to speak."

Ways to get started

Share your vision with those closest to you

Imagine the kind of change you would like to see in the world and how you want to be a part of making it happen. Sharing your ideas with those close to you can be a powerful way to spark meaningful conversations.

Speak with your advisors

Consult your professional advisors to explore the best giving options for your situation. Your advisors can help you create a plan that aligns with your goals and maximizes your impact.

Connect with our team

Whether you are just starting to think about it or ready to take the next step, we are here to guide you confidentially and with care. Our Legacy Giving team can answer your questions and work with you and your advisors to ensure your gift is directed to an area that matters most to you.



Questions? We're here to help



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